


<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	09/922,223	GRUDNITSKI ET AL. 	
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
	Cameron Saadat	3713	

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to request for continued examination filed 9/15/2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-8, 10-15, 17-31, 33-38 and 40-46.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 8/1/2001 and 9/15/2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.  
**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
  - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
    - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)</li> <li>2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)</li> <li>3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),<br/>Paper No./Mail Date _____</li> <li>4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit<br/>of Biological Material</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)</li> <li>6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),<br/>Paper No./Mail Date _____</li> <li>7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment</li> <li>8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance</li> <li>9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</li> </ol> |
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**EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Cary Tope-McKay on September 29, 2004

The Application has been amended as follows:

In the Claims:

- In Claim 1: line 16, replace "video case exercise" with --video-case exercise --  
line 41, replace "video-case exercises and" with -- video-case exercises, --  
lines 41-42, replace "video case responses" with --video-case responses --  
lines 67-68, replace "from the client" with --from client -- and replace "to the server" with -- to a server --
- In claim 2: lines 20-21, replace "video case exercise" with --video-case exercise --
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- line 48, replace "video-case exercises and" with -- video-case exercises, --  
lines 48-49, replace "video case responses" with --video-case responses --
- In claim 10: line 12, after "at least one", insert -- video-case --  
line 38, replace "video-case exercises and" with --video-case exercises, --

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lines 38-39, replace "video case responses" with --video-case responses --

In claim 17: line 24, after "storing at least one" insert -- video-case --

line 44, replace "video-case exercises and" with --video-case exercises, --

lines 44-45, replace "video case responses" with --video-case responses --

lines 65-66, replace "video case user responses" with --video-case responses --

In claim 24, line 16, after "storing at least one" insert -- video-case --

line 42, replace "video-case exercises and" with -- video-case exercises, -- ;

lines 42-43, replace "video case responses" with --video-case responses --

line 63, replace "video case user responses" with --video-case responses --

lines 68-69, replace "from the client" with -- from client -- and

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replace "to the server" with -- to a server --

In claim 25: line 20, after "storing at least one" insert -- video-case --

line 48, replace "video-case exercises and" with -- video-case exercises, --

lines 48-49, replace "video case responses" with --video-case responses --

In claim 33, line 37, after "responses to" insert -- video-case --

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line 40, replace "video-case exercises and" with -- video-case exercises, --

lines 40-41, replace "video case responses" with --video-case responses --

line 66, replace "video case responses" with --video-case responses --

In claim 40, line 24, after "storing at least one" insert -- video-case --

line 44, replace "video-case exercises and" with -- video-case exercises, --

lines 44-45, replace "video case responses" with --video-case responses --

lines 65-66, replace "video case user responses" with --video-case responses --

### **REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record fails to teach the specific combination of elements as claimed in independent claims 1, 2, 10, 17, 24, 25, 33, and 40. In particular the prior art fails to teach *inter*

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*alia* a system and method of providing an interactive, case-based system for video-centric professional development, comprising a computer system, a media database, a video assignment database, an administration database, a user database, a lesson database; a lesson building program, a lesson viewer program; and wherein the video assignments include a request for user input in the form of video-case exercises, video-case responses, and video markers; wherein the video case responses allow a user to respond to exercises with a video marker in the response, the video marker indicating a starting point and an ending point in a

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video segment. The closest prior art of record does not teach or fairly suggest this feature in the combination.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cameron Saadat whose telephone number is 703-305-5490. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9:00 - 6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Xuan Thai can be reached on 703-308-2064. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

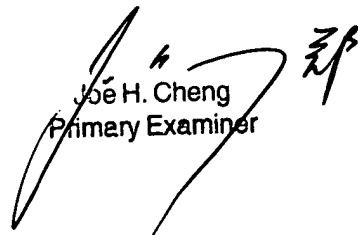
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